

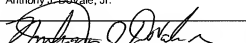
<h1 style="margin: 0;">REQUEST</h1> <p style="margin: 0;">FOR</p> <h2 style="margin: 0;">CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)</h2> <h3 style="margin: 0;">TRANSMITTAL</h3> <p style="font-size: small; margin-top: 10px;">Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Application Number</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">10/691,968</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Filing Date</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">October 24, 2003</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">First Named Inventor</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Smith et al.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Group Art Unit</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">3739</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Examiner Name</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Stigell, Theodore J.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Attorney Docket Number</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">01107.0019U1</td> </tr> </table>	Application Number	10/691,968	Filing Date	October 24, 2003	First Named Inventor	Smith et al.	Group Art Unit	3739	Examiner Name	Stigell, Theodore J.	Attorney Docket Number	01107.0019U1
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. <u>Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114</u>	
a.	<input type="checkbox"/> Previously submitted i. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____ Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered). ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____ iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other *****
b.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enclosed i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Other *****
2. <u>Miscellaneous</u>	
a.	<input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37. C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of ***** months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(f) required)
b.	<input type="checkbox"/> Other *****
3. <u>Fees</u>	
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b.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card in the amount of <b>\$465.00</b> for the fees designated below. (VIA EFS WEB). WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.
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